

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ERIC PIFKO,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CCB CREDIT SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant.

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ERIC D. PIFKO,

Plaintiff,

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
09-CV-3057 (JS) (WDW)

09-CV-3059 (JS) (WDW)

- against -

FIRST NATIONAL COLLECTION BUREAU, INC.,

Defendant.

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NATHAN SPIRA,

Plaintiff,

09-CV-3422 (JS) (WDW)

- against -

MERCANTILE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU, LLC,

Defendant.

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ERIC D. PIFKO,

Plaintiff,

09-CV-4174 (JS) (WDW)

- against -

STEPHEN EINSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.,

Defendant.

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ERIC D. PIFKO,

Plaintiff,

09-CV-4216 (JS) (WDW)

- against -

MERCANTILE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU, LLC,

Defendant.

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SEYBERT, District Judge:

Pending before the Court are five cases stemming from the Defendants' allegedly wrongful conduct under the Fair Debt Collection Act. Rather than filing one case with two plaintiffs as purported class representatives and multiple defendants, for reasons that remain elusive, Plaintiffs' counsel chose to file five separate cases.

Upon reviewing the circumstances of the above-captioned cases, the Court finds that consolidation of the cases is

appropriate pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. All of the cases involve common questions of fact and law. In fact, in four of these cases, Defendants sought to collect the exact same debt. Pursuant to the Local Rules of this District, the cases shall be consolidated under the earliest filed case, Pifko v. CCB Credit Servs., Inc., 09-CV-3057. The Clerk of the Court is directed to close the remaining four actions, and all papers are to be filed under 09-CV-3057.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ JOANNA SEYBERT
Joanna Seybert, U.S.D.J.

Dated: November 30, 2009
Central Islip, New York